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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
775	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
776	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
777	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
778	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
779	1/6/49	New York teletype to New Haven	2	yes	
780	1/6/49	Albany letter to New York	1	no	referred to Army
781	1/6/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	yes	
782	1/4/49	Bureau teletype to New York	2	yes	
783	1/5/49	San Francisco letter to Bureau	4	yes	
784	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
785	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
786	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	

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787	1/6/49	New York teletype to Dallas	1	yes	
788	1/6/49	San Francisco teletype to New York	1	yes	
789	1/6/49	Newark teletype to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
790	1/6/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
791	1/6/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
792	1/6/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
793	1/6/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
794	1/6/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
795	1/4/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
796	1/4/49	Miami letter to Bureau	2	yes	
797	1/5/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	yes	
798	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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799	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Buffalo	1	yes	
800	1/5/49	Springfield teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
801	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to New York	2	yes	
802	1/6/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	
803	1/6/49	New Haven letter to Bureau	1	yes	
804	1/6/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
805	1/7/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
806	1/7/49	New York memo from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
807	1/7/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
808	1/7/49	Buffalo teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
809	1/7/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
810	1/7/49	New York memo from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full

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811	1/5/49	Washington Field Office report to New York	6	yes	
812	1/7/49	Atlanta letter to Bureau	7	yes	
813	1/7/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
814	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
815	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	2	yes	
816	1/6/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	
817	1/7/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
818	1/7/49	Indianapolis teletype to New York	1	yes	
819	1/7/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
820	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
821	1/7/49	New York memo to Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
822	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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823	1/8/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
824	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
825	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
826	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
827	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
828	1/7/49	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
829	1/7/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
830	1/7/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
831	1/7/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
832	1/7/49	New York letter to El Paso	1	no	released in full
833	1/7/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
834	1/6/49	El Paso teletype to Denver	1	yes	

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835	1/8/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
836	1/8/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
837	1/5/49	Anchorage report to Bureau	3	yes	
838	1/5/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
839	1/7/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
840	1/7/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
841	1/7/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
842	1/6/49	Miami teletype to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
843	1/6/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
844	1/6/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
845	1/6/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Denver	1	yes	
846	1/7/49	Los Angeles report to Bureau	13	yes	

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847	1/7/49	Atlanta report to Bureau	2	yes	
848	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
849	1/7/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
850	1/7/49	Chicago letter to Bureau	2	yes	
851	1/7/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
852	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to New York	1	yes	
853	1/7/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
854	1/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
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856	1/7/49	New York memo	1	yes	
857	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
858	1/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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859	1/7/49	New York teletype to El Paso	1	no	released in full
860	1/7/49	New York memo Special Agent Tuohy	2	no	released in full
861	1/6/49	Bureau letter to Philadelphia	2	yes	
862	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to Chicago	2	yes	
863	1/7/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
864	1/10/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
865	1/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
866	1/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
867	1/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
868	1/10/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
869	1/10/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
870	1/10/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	

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871	1/10/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
872	1/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
873	1/10/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
874	1/10/49	Bureau teletype to New York	3	yes	
875	1/10/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
876	1/10/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
877	1/10/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
878	1/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
879	1/11/49	New York memo Special Agent Danahy	1	no	released in full
880	1/10/49	New York memo from TJD	1	no	released in full
881	1/7/49	Richmond letter to Bureau	1	yes	
882	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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883	1/10/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
884	1/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
885	1/8/49	New York memo	3	no	released in full
886	1/10/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
887	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Boston	1	yes	
888	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
889	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
890	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
891	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
892	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to San Francisco	1	yes	
893	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Philadelphia	1	yes	
894	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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895	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
896	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Chicago	1	yes	
897	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Boston	1	yes	
898	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
899	1/10/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
900	1/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
901	1/11/49	Bureau teletype to Baltimore	3	yes	
902	1/11/49	Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
903	1/11/49	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
904	1/11/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
905	1/7/49	San Diego teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
906	1/7/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	

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907	1/7/49	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
908	1/7/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	5	yes	
909	1/7/49	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	2	yes	
910	1/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
911	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
912	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
913	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
914	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
915	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
916	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
917	1/11/49	Richmond teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
918	1/11/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	2	yes	

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919	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
920	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype from New York	1	no	released in full
921	1/11/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
922	1/12/49	Albany teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
923	1/11/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
924	1/11/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
925	1/11/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
926	1/11/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
927	1/12/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
928	1/10/49	Bureau lab report to Philadelphia	1	yes	
929	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
930	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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931	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
932	1/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
933	1/7/49	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
934	1/11/49	New York memo O'Keefe	1	no	released in full
935	1/11/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
936	1/11/49	New York teletype to Charlotte	1	yes	
937	1/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
938	1/11/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
939	1/11/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	yes	
940	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
941	1/11/49	Attorney General letter to New York	1	no	referred to Dept of Justice
942	1/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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943	1/7/49	Bureau lab report to New York	1	yes	
944	1/6/49	Bureau letter to New York	2	yes	
945	1/12/49	Albany report to Bureau	27	yes	
946	1/5/49	New York memo Special Agent O'Brien	2	no	released in full
947	1/10/49	Indianapolis report to Bureau	3	yes	
947A	1/11/49	New York memo	3	yes	
948	1/12/49	Richmond teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
949	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
950	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
951	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
952	1/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
953	1/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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955	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
956	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
957	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
958	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
959	1/12/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
960	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
961	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
962	1/12/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
963	1/12/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
964	1/12/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
965	1/12/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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966	1/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau New York	1	yes	
967	1/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
968	1/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
969	1/7/49	San Francisco report to Bureau	3	yes	
970	1/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
971	1/10/49	Bureau teletype to Charlotte	1	yes	
972	1/11/49	Philadelphia report to Bureau	21	yes	

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SEVEN THOUSAND ONE SU HEADQUARTERS MDW DETACHMENT NUMBER ONE. HE STATES
HE HAS NEVER OWNED A TYPEWRITER AND CANNOT RECALL EVER HAVING LEFT ONE
TO BE REPAIRED OR ANYONE HAVING LEFT ONE IN HIS NAME. STATES IF A TYPE-
WRITER WAS LEFT FOR REPAIRS IN HIS NAME, IT WOULD BE PROPERTY OF ARMY
FROM ORDERLY ROOM OF ABOVE DETACHMENT OR WAR DEPARTMENT MOTOR CENTER,
PENTAGONBUILDING. FURTHER STATES THAT HE ALWAYS USES HIS MIDDLE
INITIAL BECAUSE OF COMMON NAME. THERE IS NO SIX ONE TWO SEVEN RODGERS
AVENUE IN MERCHANTVILLE, BUT KELLER FORMERLY RESIDED AT SIX ONE SEVEN
TWO RODGERS AVENUE WITH PARENTS". PARENTS ADVISE THEY DO NOT OWN
A TYPEWRITER AND HAVE NEVER BEEN TO WASHINGTON.

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At 12:45 pm on January 6, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office called with further reference to the search warrant to be issued to search INSLEMAN's home at Cambridge. He wanted to know whether SA O'Toole would be needed to prepare the affidavit inasmuch as SA O'Brien would appear to have all the information necessary for the affidavit. I advised Mr. Cornelius that Mr. Whearty had informed me that he did not want to by-pass Mr. Higby, the USA at Syracuse. Consequently, the affidavit and search warrant would be made out at Syracuse rather than Albany. Mr. Cornelius advised that he would discuss with Mr. Higby whether Agent O'Toole's presence was necessary and if it was not necessary, O'Toole would remain in Albany. Mr. Cornelius advised that the U. S. Commissioner in Syracuse is out of town and will not be back until tomorrow, January 7th.

On the afternoon of January 6, I called Mr. Cornelius to advise him that Agent O'Brien was leaving on the 6:30 pm train and would arrive at Syracuse about midnight; that we were attempting to have the affidavit drawn up prior to his departure and he would bring it with him, together with a copy of the search warrant which was to be used to search the house in the Bronx, in order that USA Higby could use this as a sample in drawing up his search warrant. I advised Mr. Cornelius that, in our opinion, it would be desirable for Agent O'Toole to proceed to Syracuse in order that the Bureau would be protected in that it could not be said later that he should have been present to assist in the preparation of the affidavit. I advised that inasmuch as there has been considerable indecision in the matter of this search warrant, it appeared to me that the Bureau should be protected by having O'Toole present. Mr. Cornelius advised he would send O'Toole to Syracuse. Mr. Cornelius advised that a reservation was being made for Agent O'Brien at the Hotel Syracuse and he should call there upon his arrival. I advised him that Agent O'Brien would go to the resident agency in the morning and then proceed to the USA's office.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Mr. H. E. Fletcher of the Bureau called on January 6th relative to our teletype advising that Mr. Donegan wanted the Landon School letter, the 65 documents turned over by CHAMBERS and copies of the microfilm recovered from the pumpkin in order that the attorney for ALBER HISS, Mr. McLEAN, could examine them through the use of experts. Mr. Fletcher advised that the Landon School letter was already in the possession of Mr. Donegan as it had been brought up by SA Jones of the Washington Field office who introduced it before the Grand Jury. The other two items will be brought up by a laboratory representative at such time as Mr. Donegan desires them. The Bureau will wait to hear from us on this.

On the afternoon of January 6, Mr. Donegan called me to advise that he had not been in favor of turning this material over to Mr. McLEAN but that in the opinion of other representatives of the Department, McLEAN was entitled to it. Mr. Donegan requested McLEAN to make his request for the material by letter which McLEAN did, presenting a letter addressed to United States Attorney McGohey on January 6. As the letter was addressed to Mr. McGohey, Mr. Donegan called Mr. McGohey to discuss the matter with him and Mr. McGohey advised Mr. Donegan that in his opinion no such material should be turned over to McLEAN without the proper motion before the court. Consequently, Mr. Donegan advised he is not turning over the material to McLEAN.

This information should be included in the daily teletype to the Bureau.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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At 11:20 am today, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I advised Mr. Leo Laughlin that we feel that there should be available to Mr. Donegan and the attorneys handling the perjury trial a report setting forth all the information the Bureau has on HISS. I told Mr. Laughlin that we have been contemplating that up here but it appears to us that the most satisfactory source of all that information is the Washington Field office. I pointed out that HISS had been active over a period of years in Washington and that while HISS has lived in New York during the last few years, he has not been active here. I further pointed out that we were to submit the report here, we would be quoting reports of the Washington Field office. I suggested that the Bureau consider having the Washington Field office review its files and submit a report containing all the information the Bureau has on HISS.

Mr. Laughlin was advised that we are going to review our files concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and consolidate all the information in one report.

Regarding the 65 documents turned over by CHAMBERS at the time of the libel suit in Baltimore, I advised Mr. Laughlin that we are of the opinion that these also should be set out in a report. I informed Mr. Laughlin that we have the documents here but that Agent Zander of the Washington Field did a great deal of research at the State Department identifying these documents as coming from State Department records and was able to effect a 100% comparison. I told Mr. Laughlin that we never received complete information about this identification; that we feel that these documents should be set forth verbatim in a report and that the pertinent information which reflects that they did come from the files of the State Department should also be set out in the same report. I suggested to Mr. Laughlin that the Bureau consider having the Washington Field office submit this report.

In connection with the microfilm which the House Committee has, I advised Mr. Laughlin that we have photostatic copies of this as it was turned over by the House Committee to the Department. However, when our laboratory examined the film, additional prints were developed. I told Mr. Laughlin that we were notified by the Bureau that the laboratory was able to bring out some of the indistinct prints so that they were legible but that we never received these additional prints.

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Mr. Laughlin that we would like to have these prints so that we can submit a report setting forth the microfilm documents. I pointed out that we would also like to have the full report from the laboratory concerning these prints so that it can be set forth in the report.

Mr. Laughlin was informed that it is our opinion that these are steps which must be taken at this time in order that the attorneys will have all of this information available in report form. Mr. Laughlin stated that the Bureau would consider this and we would be advised. I requested that after the Bureau has considered this, the Bureau send a teletype to Washington Field and to New York. Mr. Laughlin said the Bureau would do this.

A. H. BELMONT
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
January 7, 1948

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At 3:55 pm today, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office called to advise that, unless we are advised to the contrary, the Albany office would serve the search warrant to conduct INSLEMAN's house at Cambridge at 10:00 am tomorrow (1/8/49). I informed him that we would also serve our search warrant in the Bronx at that time. Mr. Cornelius stated that inasmuch as Agent O'Brien is ill, agents of the Albany office would conduct the search.

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Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of Bulet to New York dated January 3, 1949; it will be noted that a copy of such letter was designated for the El Paso Division.

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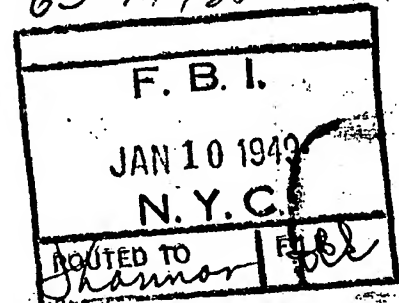
RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al;
PERJURY
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At 12:30 p.m., January 6, 1949, I advised H. B. Fletcher that we had checked at the Home Life Insurance Company office and further that that company had never issued any policy to DONALD HISS, although he had applied to the Washington office of the company for insurance in 1946. This application was rejected because HISS was suffering from ulcers. No typed correspondence is contained in the files of the Home Life Insurance Company in New York, although it is possible that the Washington office of that company might have such correspondence.

Mr. Fletcher was also advised that it was ascertained that DONALD HISS was issued insurance in 1946 by the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company at Philadelphia; that we are forwarding a lead for the Philadelphia Office to make a necessary check at that point. I further advised that the Home Life had no record at all on either ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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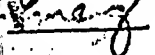
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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
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While on the 14th floor of the building on January 6, 1949, in connection with a consultation with T. J. Donegan, I accidentally met LOU BENDER, with whom I have been personally acquainted through official business for the past several years, and who is now representing FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN.

Mr. BENDER was desirous of discussing the fact that he has refused to allow INSLERMAN to talk either to agents or to the Grand Jury, and that he has likewise refused to permit INSLERMAN to voluntarily turn over his three cameras to us. He mentioned that INSLERMAN is very anxious to tell his whole story but that BENDER, as his attorney, owes him the duty of not-permitting him to talk since he might incriminate himself. He stated that he has emphasized to INSLERMAN the consequences which might result to him if he should tell his story.

Mr. BENDER also appeared rather anxious to retain his cordial relations with the Bureau and was somewhat apologetic because of the stand he has taken. He mentioned that if he allowed all his clients to plead guilty he wouldn't have much of a law practice. I of course made no comment as to what advice he should give this client except to say that he as a lawyer of course knew what he was doing and from his experience knew that in many instances lawyers felt it would be for the best interests of their clients to tell their whole story to the proper authorities.

The total results of the conversation with Mr. BENDER led me to believe that he is not sure that he is taking the right course in preventing INSLERMAN from cooperating with us.

Mr. BENDER also indicated that he is fearful that his client, if he talks, could be prosecuted under Title 80, Section 18, because the



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Statute of Limitations would not be a bar to prosecution of INSLERMAN for his activities. I made no comment as to this.

In the course of our conversation Mr. BENDER also remarked that the Government attorneys in this matter had pulled a "real boner." I asked him what he meant. He said that he had observed them escort WHITTAKER CHAMBERS into the Grand Jury Room while INSLERMAN was in there; that as a result of having a hostile or adverse party in the Grand Jury Room at the same time his, BENDER'S, client was present he could get thrown out any indictment the Grand Jury might return against INSLERMAN. I made no comment on this.

The substance of the foregoing was relayed to Mr. Belmont, who furnished it to Mr. Donegan.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent



United States Department of Justice
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New York, N. Y.
January 10, 1949

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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
Perjury, Espionage R.

I received a telephone call on January 10th from Mr. ARTHUR M. ROARK, Jr., Insurance Investigator, 2 Broadway, New York City, who stated that he was operating out of the New York Bureau of Investigation, 320 Broadway, New York City. He said that LAURENCE DUGGAN had two insurance policies with Home Life and Aetna and that the Aetna policy was less than two years old and was contestable if Duggan's death was a suicide. He asked if I would be able to furnish any information which would be pertinent to his investigation. I advised him that no investigation of Duggan's death was made by us. He mentioned the fact that according to press reports Duggan had been interviewed by the FBI. I told him that I could make no comment about that, and that our files are confidential, and any request for information about our interview with Duggan would have to be directed to the Attorney General of the United States.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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Refer serial 735, memo of J. T. Kilbo, 1/6/49.
SA E. F. McManara advised this date that SA Harry O'Neil
obtained following information re Frederick A. Kneppers
at Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, L.I.:

Born 1/18/92, Rheidt, Rhineland, Germany

Married, 2 children

Previous emp.: 1924-30 City Power Supply, Ch. Engr., Blankenburg, GERMANY

1921-24 : Gas & Electric, Dessau, Germany, Elec. Engr.

1930-32 : Penn Water & Power, Baltimore, Md., Elec. Engr.

6/33 to 2/42: Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md., Elec. Layout Engr.

Employed at Republic Aviation 3/3/42 to 5/10/44 as Engineer &
Major layout draftsman. Released for ill health & indicated he
was going to Johns Hopkins Hosp., Baltimore, Md. for an operation.

Addresses: Home - 4202 Swanhoe Ave., Balt., Md. (also forwarding address

temporary, 6/2/43, 212 W. 85 St NYC; also 196 Hschoille Rd, Farmingdale

Last pay mailed 5/15/44 to YMCA, 5 W. 63 St.

Signed Espionage Act 3/2/42.

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INSLERMAN states that he has, or has had in the past, bank accounts in the banks listed below. He is not clear as to whether they were joint accounts with his wife or whether his wife maintained accounts under her maiden name - ELIZABETH ALICE RYNDERS.

Lindenhurst Bank,
Lindenhurst, Long Island

Bowery Savings Bank,
... 42nd Street Branch, New York City

Harlem Savings Bank,
Harlem Branch, New York City

Baltimore Guaranty Title & Trust Co.,
North Avenue Branch,
Baltimore, Maryland

Schenectady Trust Company,
Schenectady, New York

Schenectady Savings Bank,
Schenectady, New York

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et al
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In connection with the simultaneous searches being conducted today by the Albany and New York Offices at 9:00 a.m., Agent FRANK GALLANT together with Agent JOHN DANAHY were enroute to the home of J. W. RYNDERS, 909 Summit Avenue, Bronx, New York, to execute the warrant.

At 11:45 a.m. Agent DANAHY advised that he was located at telephone TO 25761 and that he could be contacted there. DANAHY stated that LOUIS BENDER, Attorney for FELIX A. INSLERMAN had contacted him and stated that the Leica Camera in which the Agents were interested was at Cambridge, New York in the farm house. DANAHY requested that this information be forwarded to Albany in order that the Albany Agents conducting this search would be cognizant of this fact.

At 11:50 a.m. SA R. D. LEE of the Albany Office was advised of the fact that the Leica was located at Cambridge and requested that the Agents conducting the search be informed of this fact. He also was requested to advise this office immediately when he learns of the results of their search.

At 12:10 p.m. Agent LEE advised that Agent O'TOOLE at Cambridge, New York, stated the Agents had executed their search warrant and seized the two cameras named in the search warrant. O'TOOLE could not state what make or type cameras they were.

At 12:15 p.m. Agent TUOHY was advised of the search at Albany and at 12:25 p.m. Agents DANAHY and GALLANT were advised of the fact that Albany had recovered two cameras.

At 1:15 p.m. Agent DANAHY advised that one (1) camera, a folding Kodak model had been obtained as a result of their search and that their search had been concluded.

At 2:25 p.m. ASAC BELMONT was advised of the fact that Albany had recovered the two cameras and Mr. BELMONT suggested that Mr. FLEISHER at the Bureau be contacted to determine by what method the cameras should be delivered to the Bureau.

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At 3:00 p.m. Mr. THOMAS GERITY in Mr. FLETCHER's office was informed of the result of this search at New York and he was requested to contact Mr. FLETCHER to determine the mode of transportation of the cameras to the Bureau.

EDWARD H. HUGHES, SA

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MEMO:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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At approximately 10:00 on the morning of January 8, 1949, the writer and SA FRANCIS J. GALLANT entered the premises at 909 Summit Avenue, Bronx, New York to search the premises occupied by J. W. RYNDERS under authority granted by a search warrant issued on January 6, 1949 to SA GALLANT by the U. S. Commissioner, Southern District of New York. Mrs. J. W. RYNDERS, mother-in-law of FELIX A. INSLERMAN, responded to the ringing of the doorbell and opened the door several inches, meanwhile holding it secure with an interview chain. The writer and SA GALLANT identified themselves and attempted to state their business, but Mrs. RYNDERS became highly agitated and excited, and shouted that she could have nothing to do with the F. B. I. until she called "the lawyer." She spent several minutes running frantically through the house, crying that she "wasn't involved in this matter" and trying to find "the lawyers" telephone number. After several minutes, she found the number and tried to call the attorney, but received no answer. She returned to the door and after several minutes, the writer and SA GALLANT were able to calm her down sufficiently to explain to her the purpose of the visit. This explanation and the presentation to her of the search warrant precipitated another semi hysterical outburst, and the writer and SA GALLANT asked Mrs. RYNDERS if any nearby relative or neighbor could be called to calm her. She stated her husband was at work and she didn't want the neighbors to know of her difficulties. She became more composed and the writer ascertained from her that "the lawyer" she was endeavoring to reach was LOU BENDER, Attorney for INSLERMAN. The writer offered to look up BENDER'S home telephone number for her, and Mrs. RYNDERS passed the Bronx telephone directory through the doorway opening. The writer furnished her with Mr. BENDER'S home phone, Kingsbridge 3-1519 and Mrs. RYNDERS attempted to call him. However, she was unable to obtain a dial tone after several minutes of waiting and again started to cry and shout that the F. B. I. had disconnected her phone. She was assured that the F. B. I. had taken no such action.



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To pacify Mrs. RYNDERS, the writer offered to call Mr. BENDER from an outside phone and ask him to call Mrs. RYNDERS. She said this would be satisfactory and stated that while this was being done, she would go down to her kitchen and prepare a cup of coffee.

SA GALLANT waited at the door while the writer went to a nearby public phone and at about 10:40 A. M. the writer reached Mr. BENDER at his home. I advised Mr. BENDER of the nature of the warrant and of our intention to execute it, and requested Mr. BENDER to call Mrs. RYNDERS. Mr. BENDER stated that he doubted the legality of the warrant and the legality of its execution on a Saturday. I advised Mr. BENDER that we had been assured of its legality and the legality of its execution during daylight hours by a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and that it had been issued by the U. S. Commissioner on January 6, 1949 after submission of an appropriate affidavit.

Mr. BENDER then advised the writer that he had just received a telephone call from FELIX INSLERMAN at Cambridge, New York, who told him that the agents had entered his premises in search of cameras, and that he had the camera on the premises. Mr. BENDER asked me to call our Albany office before searching the RYNDERS' residence. I told Mr. BENDER I could not do this and that we desired to execute our warrant with a minimum of distress to Mrs. RYNDERS. Mr. BENDER then asked me what I desired him to tell Mrs. RYNDERS. I told him that I could not suggest what he should advise his client.

Immediately after talking to Mr. BENDER, I called SA EDWARD HUGHES, Supervisor on duty, and gave him the context of my discussion with Mr. BENDER. SA HUGHES advised he would consult with Mr. BELMONT and advise Albany.

Upon the writer's return to 909 Summit Avenue, Mrs. RYNDERS was engaged in phone conversation with Mr. BENDER. Upon the conclusion of her conversation, she told the writer and SA GALLANT that Mr. BENDER had advised her not to admit the agents until they called their Albany office. The writer and SA GALLANT advised Mrs. RYNDERS that they were under no duty to call the Albany office, but if admitted, would call the New York office before commencing the search. Mrs. RYNDERS stated this would be satisfactory, and admitted the agents, who again called SA HUGHES. SA HUGHES advised that no word had been received from the Albany office concerning the finding of the cameras at Cambridge, New York, and immediately thereafter, the search of RYNDERS' premises was commenced by the writer and SA GALLANT. The search was

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conducted in the presence of Mrs. RYNDERS and included the living room, dining room, hallway, bathroom and two bedrooms, and all closets on the first or ground floor, a rear porch, and a kitchen, and cellar with store-rooms, used and occupied by the RYNDERS in the basement of the house.

In the left bottom drawer of a dressing table in a bedroom on the southwest portion of the first floor, an Eastman Kodak folding camera, Century Model, case #126 was found by SA GALLANT. Mrs. RYNDERS stated that this camera was owned by her husband who had purchased it many years ago. However, in view of the nature of the warrant and the explicit naming of a folding Kodak camera, this camera was seized, without protest by Mrs. RYNDERS, and a receipt given to her for it. A statement as to the article seized was prepared and signed by Mrs. RYNDERS and will be kept as an exhibit in this case. Charts showing the area searched by each agent and the location of the camera seized have been prepared, and will likewise be retained as exhibits.

At 1:15 P. M. the search was concluded and SA HUGHES at the office was so advised. Mrs. RYNDERS, during the search and at the time of the agents departure, appeared completely composed and cooperative, and expressed no animosity toward the agents or the bureau because of the action taken. She expressed the opinion that she and her husband were unfortunate victims of circumstances since they were not involved in the case, and had no choice but to offer their home as shelter to their son-in-law when he visited New York. Mrs. RYNDERS volunteered the information that she and her husband had furnished the money necessary to retain LOU BENDER. No comments were made by the agents when this information was offered.

JOHN J. DANAHY, SA



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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
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At 4:40 pm today, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office called to advise that Agent O'Toole has the search warrant and the Albany agents will conduct the search at 10:00 am tomorrow. Mr. Cornelius stated that the warrant only covers the Leica and the Erneman Bob cameras and does not include the enlarger or other photographic equipment. He stated that USA Higby had talked to Mr. Whearty in Washington and they agreed that the Leica and the Erneman Bob cameras were all that could be included in the warrant.

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On the afternoon of January 11, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan called and referred to letter from the Washington Field dated January 7, 1949, wherein he, Donegan, was quoted as saying that prior to any interview with the family of ALGER HISS, authority should be obtained from him. Mr. Donegan advised that this was not a correct statement; that he had only suggested that clearance be obtained from him prior to interviewing TIMOTHY HOBSON, Mrs. HISS and ALGER HISS. I advised Mr. Donegan that we would note this correction so that there would be no misunderstanding on the part of the Bureau concerning it.

On the afternoon of January 11, 1949, while speaking to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I advised him of Mr. Donegan's call per the above. He advised that the Washington Field Office had misstated the policy in this matter; that actually it was Bureau policy that members of the HISS family were not to be interviewed until clearance had been obtained from Mr. Donegan in view of the fact that Donegan had suggested that the above three not be interviewed.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
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Reference is made to my memo of 1/7/49, reflecting a call to Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau concerning the compilation of a report on ALGER HISS; the compilation of a report setting forth the 65 CHAMBERS documents and their correlation with State Department records; and request that copies of the microfilm prints be sent by the Laboratory to us.

On the afternoon of January 7, Mr. H. B. Fletcher called back to advise that the Bureau would issue instructions to Washington Field to prepare a comprehensive report on ALGER HISS, reflecting all information in the Bureau's files on him.

He advised that a report would likewise be prepared by the Washington Field office on the CHAMBERS documents as soon as the Bureau was furnished copies of the State Department records from which the information in these documents was taken. He advised that Mr. Whearty of the Department had informed the Bureau that Whearty had turned over to Agent Tom Spencer of this office copies of these State Dept. records, including material which reflected the routing of these records within the State Dept. He requested that we send photostatic copies of these records and the material reflecting this routing to the Bureau at which time the report requested by us would be prepared.

Mr. Fletcher advised further that prints from the microfilm would be sent to the NY office.

I called Mr. Fletcher back on the afternoon of 1/7/49 to advise him that, according to Agent Spencer, we did not receive copies of the State Dept. records, although we had examined them in the office of Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan; further, at Mr. Whearty's request, we had made photostatic copies of certain of the documents and turned them back to him at his request, but we did not make photostatic copies of the records for ourselves. I pointed out that the reason for this was that the Washington Field office secured this information on a highly confidential basis through a contact and therefore, upon receiving advice from the Washington FO that identification had been made of the State Dept. records as the source of the material in the CHAMBERS documents, we had informed Mr. B. J. Whearty and Mr. Donegan of this identification and that we had received it unofficially and therefore the Department should not mention to the Dept.

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of State that we had made this comparison. It now appears that the Dept. of Justice secured copies of these records directly from the Dept. of State and we had not realized that the Bureau did not have the information officially through the Dept. of Justice. I advised that we will secure these records on Monday, 1/10/49, upon the return of Mr. Donegan or Mr. Whearty; that we will photostat them immediately and send copies to the Bureau.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; Et Al
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In accordance with the telephone call from the Bureau dated January 7, 1949, photostatic copies of State Department records were procured from Assistant Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN. These documents were returned to Mr. DONEGAN by SA D. E. SHANNON on January 11, 1949. Photostatic copies of the aforesaid documents were made, and one copy is being retained in the files of the New York office; two photostatic copies of these documents were forwarded to Mr. DONEGAN upon the return of the original photostatic copies mentioned above, and one copy was forwarded to the Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al;
PERJURY
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On January 5, 1949, I talked with Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who advised me that he was introduced to an individual whom he knew as FELIX by a Colonel BYKOV. He further stated that FELIX was a photographer in Baltimore, Maryland, and that he had been sent to Baltimore by Colonel BYKOV to do photographic work for his apparatus.

Mr. CHAMBERS advised that at the time he knew FELIX he was residing on Callow Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, and that FELIX possessed a Leica camera which was used in photographing the material that he would furnish to FELIX.

Mr. CHAMBERS also advised me on this date that he had seen an individual whom he has identified as FELIX, and he has been told that this individual's name is FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN. He further stated that he is positively certain that the individual whom he had seen in the United States Court House on Monday, January 3, 1949, and was told this individual's name was FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN, is identical with the FELIX whom he knew in Baltimore, Maryland, and referred to hereinabove as being engaged in photographic work for him in Baltimore.

On January 6, 1949, a conference was held with T. J. Donegan, Assistant AG, Mr. Ray Whearty, Mr. Louis Bender, attorney for FELIX INSLERMAN, who also was present, and the writer. At this time Mr. Whearty asked FELIX INSLERMAN if the Leica camera which he had brought down to New York was at the home of his father-in-law at 909 Smith Avenue, Bronx, New York. INSLERMAN replied that it was. Mr. Bender then stated that he had told INSLERMAN to bring all the cameras in his possession down to New York and Mr. Whearty asked if the other cameras were up in Cambridge, New York, and INSLERMAN replied that they were. Mr. Bender then stated that INSLERMAN would be going up to Cambridge over the weekend and he expected to return to New York the first part of next week, and he would bring the cameras with him at that time.



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A discussion took place at this time relative to INSLEMAN voluntarily turning over the cameras to the FBI. Mr. Bender demurred, and stated that he did not want INSLEMAN to turn the cameras over to the FBI at the present time. Mr. Bender also stated that he had told INSLEMAN to keep all of the cameras in his possession at all times.

F. D. O'BRIEN,
Special Agent



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January 12, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
was., et al
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On the morning of January 12, 1949, Mr. Thomas Donegan called to inquire whether the FBI Laboratory had completed its examination of the cameras secured by agents of this office and the Albany Office under search warrants last Saturday, January 8, 1949.

I spoke to Mr. Floyd Jones at the Bureau concerning this and advised him that FELIX INSLERMAN was again being brought before the Grand Jury and undoubtedly Mr. Donegan wanted to have the results of the examination of the cameras as a basis for questioning INSLERMAN. Mr. Jones checked with the Laboratory and then advised me that the comparison of the cameras with the micro film has not yet been made because the Laboratory has not been able to secure possession of the micro film from the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He advised that every effort is being made to secure this film in order that the examination may be conducted at once.

Mr. Jones then inquired whether ALGER HISS or his wife had handled the original documents turned over by CHAMBERS at Baltimore at the time the depositions were being taken relative to the libel suit of HISS against CHAMBERS. He advised that the Bureau was considering having the Laboratory make an examination of the original documents to see whether the fingerprints of ALGER HISS or his wife appeared thereon.

I told Mr. Jones that some weeks ago we had suggested to the Bureau the possibility of such an examination and inquiry at that time had reflected that numerous persons had handled these documents, including the attorneys present at the taking of the depositions, CHAMBERS.

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and probably officials of the Department of Justice. As a consequence the Bureau had advised us that the examination was not going to be made. I advised Mr. Jones that I did not know whether HISS or his wife had had access to the documents but if the Bureau contemplates an examination of the documents for fingerprints this could be checked into later in the event fingerprints of HISS or his wife were discovered. Mr. Jones advised that the Bureau is presently considering such an examination but the documents would probably be discolored by this examination. I suggested that the Department be consulted prior to such an examination because the question would come up as to whether the documents were to be used as evidence in the case and this, of course, raised the issue as to the desirability of having them discolored through examination.

A. H. BELMONT
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